



NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE **ARTS** FESTIVAL

art • music • drama • dance • creative writing

FACT SHEET

- What** **The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF)** is the celebration and grand finale stage and art show, which are the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for Veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national health care system.
- Who** Approximately 120 Veterans will exhibit their artwork or perform musical, dance, dramatic or original writing selections in a gala variety show. A professional orchestra will accompany the performance. All Veterans invited to participate are selected gold medal winners of year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of Veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation.
- When** **Festival:** October 12 – 18, 2015
- Why** VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs to further the rehabilitation milieu for both inpatients and outpatients. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy, and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our Nation's Veterans after disease, disability or life crisis.

Events Open to the Public - Sunday, October 18, 2015

Art Exhibit – 12 Noon – 1:45 p.m. **Stage Show** - 2:00 p.m.

Gerrard Hall

Memorial Hall

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

114 E. Cameron Avenue

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Director

Elizabeth Mackey, MT-BC

Director National Veterans Creative Arts Festival: Elizabeth.Mackey@va.gov Phone: (320) 255-6351

Host

Durham VA Medical Center

508 Fulton Street

Durham, North Carolina 27705

Contact: Host Site Coordinators: Jillian.Thompson3@va.gov and Kendra.Monden@va.gov

Admission

Free, but tickets are required to the stage show.

Ticket information will become available after September 1, 2015.

Media

Jordan Schupbach, Public Affairs Coordinator: Jordan.Schupbach@va.gov Phone: (202) 664-3733

Megan Warren-Moore, Public Affairs Officer, Durham VA Medical Center: Megan.Warren@va.gov